

**Notice of Allowability**

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 4/24/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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**DETAILED ACTION*****Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1 – 17 are allowed. Claim 1 is independent with Claims 2 – 9 being independent; Claim 10 being independent with Claims 11 – 14 being dependent; and Claim 15 is independent with Claims 16 and 17 being dependent.

In regards to Claim 1, the prior art when used alone or in combination fails to teach of a holder for flappable pages having a panel with a ring system adjacent a cover with an aperture wherein the plurality of rings, each having two ring halves, each ring half being attached to a leaf and a rotatable locking device consisting essentially of rotatable threaded cylinder and the aperture in the cover that guides the rotatable threaded cylinder.

In regards to Claim 10, the prior art when used alone or in combination fails to teach of a lockable holder for use with removable pages, the holder comprising a plurality of rings each ring having two halves with each ring half is attached to at least one hinged leaf; and a locking device installed on the cover of the ring system, the locking device includes a cylinder with spiral threads, wherein the aperture in the cover is a guide for the threaded cylinder and the threaded cylinder including an area inside the cover that is larger than the aperture so the threaded cylinder is not removable from the aperture of the cover.

In regards to Claim 15, the prior art when used alone or in combination fails to teach of a lockable flip chart holder adapted to attach to a display for use

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with removable flip chart pages, the flip chart holder comprising a panel with a ring system which includes a plurality of rings with each ring having two halves wherein each half is attached to a hinged leaf; a cover on the ring system having a cover aperture and having openings adapted for the respective ring halves; and a locking device installed on the cover of the ring system, the locking device includes a cylinder with spiral threads and a shaped aperture in a head of the cylinder, wherein the cover aperture in the cover is a guide for the threaded cylinder, the threaded cylinder including an area cover that is larger than the aperture so the threaded cylinder is not removable from the aperture of the cover.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pradeep C. Battula whose telephone number is 571-272-2142. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. & alternating Fri. 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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